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Figures 3 and 7. Preferably the alignment corner surfaces are curved in an arc of more than 90 degrees, but less than 180 degrees, with a radius of curvature 44 about a center of curvature 46 (Fig. 7). Preferably each alignment corner surface 42 is conical in shape having a wide curved arc in the horizontal direction and a steep inclined shallow conical wall element in the vertical direction.

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Replace paragraph [0033] on pages 12-13 with the following clean replacement paragraph in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(ii):

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[0033]

Further movement of the punch platen 70 moves the aligned meat tray 10 into the die opening 82 with the lip 30 engaging the die element 80, causing the alignment fixture 84 to move from the extended position to the retracted position while maintaining alignment, and brings the cutting edges 76 and 81 into cutting relationship with the web 8 to trim the lip 30 and sever the meat tray from the web 8. Once the trays 10 are severed from the web 8, the coil springs 108 bias the alignment fixture 84 outward from the plate 74, pushing